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TAGS: ENRG, PGOV, SENV, CA
SUBJECT: NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (NWT) COMMISSIONER
REPORTEDLY SLATED FOR PIPELINE AGENCY

1. GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTS MARCH 7 THAT NWT COMMISSIONER
STUART HODGSON WILL LEAVE HIS PRESENT POST TO JOIN SOON-TO-
BE-ESTABLISHED NORTHERN PIPELINE AGENCY. ANNOUNCEMENT OF
HIS APPOINTMENT APPARENTLY HAS BEEN DELAYED BY CONFLICT
OVER CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR, BUT ACCORDING TO REPORT, HE HAS
BEEN ASSURED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE
MADE BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION IS CALLED. REPORT DID NOT
STATE WHAT ROLE HODGSON MIGHT PLAY IN THE NEW AGENCY WHICH
WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE
PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (BILL C-25). REPORT CITES SPECULA-
TION THAT HODGSON MAY MOVE TO YUKON TERRITORY TO HEAD
AGENCY THERE.

2. COMMENT: DURING HIS TEN YEARS AS NWT'S CHIEF ADMINIS-
TRATOR, HODGSON PRESIDED OVER FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHANGE WHICH BROUGHT SIG-
NIFICANT MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT TO THE TERRITORY. HE
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IS CLEARLY DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED. POLICIES HE HAS IMPLE-
MENTED--POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AIMED AT INTE-
GRATING THE NORTH FIRMLY WITH CANADA AND ITS PARLIAMENTARY
INSTITUTIONS--ARE CRITICIZED CHIEFLY BY NATIVE RADICALS
AND THEIR SOUTHERN SUPPORTERS WHO WANT TO ESTABLISH A
RACIALLY-BASED, SEMI-AUTONOMOUS STATE AND NATIVE-DOMINATED
ECONOMY GIVING PRIORITY TO HARVESTING RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

HE IS AN ENERGETIC, HIGHLY COMPETENT MANAGER WHOSE DETAILED, FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE NORTH AND ITS PEOPLE WILL BE A DISTINCT ASSET TO THE PIPELINE AGENCY.

3. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD, BUT HAVE NO CONFIRMATION, THAT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE, TOM SHOYAMA, MAY BE APPOINTED TO HEAD PIPELINE MONITORING AGENCY. THIS PRESUMES THAT PRESENT HEAD OF NORTHERN PIPELINE OFFICE, BASIL ROBINSON, WILL BOW OUT--WHEN LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING NEW AGENCY IS PASSED--A PLAUSIBLE BUT NOT CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT. IN OUR VIEW, SHOYAMA AND HODGSON WOULD MAKE A STRONG TEAM.
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